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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Mission "SAFETY-70"

1. This memorandum suggests action on your part; such action is recommended in paragraph 6.

2. On 16 February 1965, President Johnson issued a press release which announced the launching of Mission "SAFETY-70." Under this Mission he directed the Federal Departments and Agencies to reduce Federal work injuries and costs year by year until a total 30 per cent reduction is achieved by 1970. Such a reduction would result in the saving of approximately 200 lives, prevent nearly 45,000 disabling work injuries, and save the Federal Government nearly \$250, 000, 000.00 in costs. In the press release he also told of issuing a Safety Policy for the Federal Service to guide Government Administrators in the discharge of their responsibilities and in the attainment of the desired safety objectives.

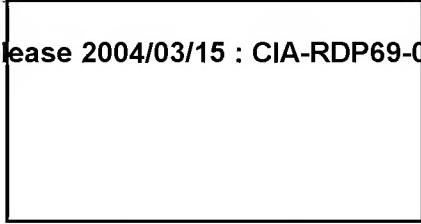
3. In conjunction with the press release, the President also sent a memorandum to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies. In this memorandum he told of initiating Mission "SAFETY-70" and of its purpose and objectives. He also forwarded with this memorandum a copy of the Safety Policy for the Federal Service. In accordance with this Policy, the President asked the Heads of each Department and Agency to review realistically and revise where necessary their safety programs. He also requested a report within 90 days showing the results of this review. On 12 May 1965 a report of the Safety Program of the Agency was sent to the President.

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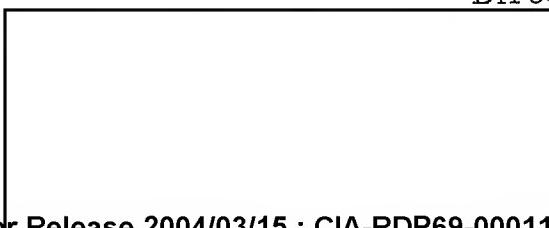
4. On 16 February 1965, the President sent another letter to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies requesting a summary report from each Agency of developments in 1965 pertinent to Mission "SAFETY-70." He requested specific information on actions taken; specific accomplishments; areas of weakness which still need strengthening, and Agency plans for 1966. On 28 April 1966, The Director of Central Intelligence forwarded this summary report to the President.

5. In order to have a starting point for Mission "SAFETY-70," the year 1963 was selected as a base year. During this year the injury frequency rate for all Federal establishments was 7.9. This figure is derived by utilizing the following formula:

$$\text{Injury Frequency Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of lost time accidents} \times 1,000,000}{\text{Number of man-hours worked}}$$

To achieve the objective of Mission "SAFETY-70" this injury frequency rate must be reduced to 5.5 by 1970 (to include 1969 as the final year). During the past year (March 1965 - February 1966) the injury frequency rate for Federal establishments was reduced by 4.3 per cent to 7.4.

6. A large part of the success of the Mission "SAFETY-70" Program is dependent on employee awareness and participation and supervisory support. In order to actively participate in the President's Mission "SAFETY-70" Program, it is requested that representatives of your staff, in their travel to various Agency installations, brief our people on the Program and its purpose (30 per cent reduction in frequency rate by 1970) and urge their compliance. In doing so accurate accident reports would be compiled and forwarded to Headquarters providing the Agency with the material to compute the accident statistics required for reduction by 1970.



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